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Public Encouraged to Purchase Tickets for the Potomac Jazz & Seafood Festival at Discounted Rate before Price Increases at the Door

LEONARDTOWN, MD – As the 23rd annual **Potomac Jazz & Seafood Festival** approaches, the Friends of St. Clement's Island & Piney Point Museums encourages the public to purchase tickets to this popular music and seafood event as soon as possible to enjoy the discounted advanced-purchase rate of \$85 per person. The price increases to \$100 at the door, if available.

The Potomac Jazz & Seafood Festival, one of the Mid-Atlantic's signature jazz events, held along the shores of the beautiful Potomac River and in the charming Town of Leonardtown in St. Mary's County, Maryland, will feature fantastic jazz artists during the three-day jazz weekend from **July 7 – 9, 2023**. This popular, annual festival, which has become known in the past two decades for showcasing local culinary delicacies of Maryland's Mother County in addition to renowned, national jazz talent.

On Friday, July 7, 2023, the festivities include a [welcome reception at the Inn at Leonardtown](#), a free [concert on the Square](#) at 5 p.m. featuring the internationally renowned *Eric Byrd Trio*, [two jazz cruises](#) from the town wharf, and lots more fun throughout town for the [Jazzy First Friday](#) festivities.

On Saturday, July 8, 2023, the [main event](#) will be held on the grounds of St. Clement's Island Museum along the scenic Potomac River in Colton's Point. This year will feature *GrooveSpan*, *Latrice Carr*, *Brian Simpson*, and nationally acclaimed jazz artist *Kim Waters*, all performing at different times from noon to 8 p.m. Several food vendors, offering a wide variety of seafood and other Southern Maryland fare will be available throughout the day as well as other jazzy vendors. Free water taxi rides around picturesque St. Clement's Island, the first landing of English settlers in Maryland in 1634, will be offered to all eventgoers, as well as free museum admission. Special memorabilia commemorating the festival, including the ever-popular music poster with this year's design, will be on sale. The party continues back in Leonardtown with an [after party at Brudergarten](#) at 10 p.m.

On Sunday, July 9, 2023, businesses in the Town of Leonardtown will once again host various jazz-themed activities, including jazz brunches at several in-town restaurants, jazz events at Port of Leonardtown Winery, and much more. Exclusive [jazz cruises on Breton](#) Bay will conclude the weekend.

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Tickets, both VIP and discount packages, are now available on the festival's website, PotomacJazzandSeafoodFestival.com, and information is also available on the event's [Facebook page](#). The public is encouraged to check these resources regularly for event updates.

Proceeds from this event go towards funding the non-profit **Friends of St. Clement's Island & Piney Point Museums**, whose mission is to support the museums and historic sites under the care of the St. Mary's County Museum Division. The event's major partners include the Friends of St. Clement's Island & Piney Point Museums, St. Mary's County Museum Division, the St. Mary's County Arts Council, and many Leonardtown businesses. For more information about the festival or to purchase tickets, please visit PotomacJazzandSeafoodFestival.com.

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